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25X1 1. Molentije Popovic, Yugoslav Minister of Foreign Commerce and leader of a commercial delegation to Moscow, returned from the Soviet capital partially successful in establishing trade agreements with the Soviet Union. His mission of reconciling Yugoslavia with the Soviet Union was completely rejected; Popovic was told by a subordinate of Vyacheslav Molotov to address the matter to the Cominform.

2. The Yugoslav government is now reportedly studying means of approaching the Cominform directly on this issue.

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